

# Redlands Lodge #300 F. & A.M.



## THE TRESTLE BOARD



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*An ancient and honorable Fraternity — good men working to become better men for themselves, their families and their communities*

### GREETINGS FROM THE EAST

Winter has finally arrived in Southern California and just in time for February. All be it cold, and rainy, we have a full month of activities planned. On February 13th we will be presenting Wor. John Starbuck the Golden Veteran Award to celebrate his 50 years as a Mason; February 18th we will be participating in our Adopt A Street program; February 20th we will perform a 1st degree to initiate two new men into Masonry; and February 27th we have a special Masonic Education event focusing on the history of DeMolay. The Golden Veterans Award, Adopt A Street, and Masonic Education events are open to the public so please invite friends and family to learn more about Masonry in general and Redlands Lodge in particular.

The theme for February is DeMolay. At our stated meeting we will be raising money to send members of the DeMolay Chapter to leadership camp, our Masonic Education for February will focus on DeMolay, and the DeMolay boys are invited to participate with the Lodge in our Adopt A Street Program. Throughout the month of February Redlands Lodge will focus its attention on DeMolay, supporting its meetings and events, to let the DeMolay boys know the Lodge is here to support them.

Each month of 2012 the Redlands Lodge will focus its attention on a topic important to Masonry and Masons. February is dedicated to the DeMolay, the Job's Daughters will be July, the Public Schools in May, Veteran's in November, you get the idea. Each month the Lodge will raise funds to support these groups and programs, our Masonic Education events will focus on educating and developing awareness, and the Lodge will participate in public events in support of these ideals. I look forward to each month as an opportunity to educate ourselves and demonstrate to the public that Masonry supports our communities.

Lastly, I want to say congratulations to the newly installed 2012 Redlands Lodge Officers. You are the leaders of the Lodge and your brethren are looking to you for guidance and direction. I look forward to working with each of you throughout the year. Your excitement and new ideas will ensure Redlands Lodge continues to grow and thrive for years to come.

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the month of February.

#### STATED MEETINGS

1st Monday of Month  
Dinner 6:30pm  
Business 7:30pm  
  
Dinners \$7.00  
RSVP Requested



#### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 6th  
Stated Meeting 730pm  
February 13th  
Golden Veteran Award  
Dinner 6pm  
February 20th  
1st Degree Ceremony 7pm  
February 27th  
Masonic Education - 7pm

## GREETINGS FROM THE WEST

Jacques DeMolay was the last Grand Master of the Order of Knights Templar, a crusading order founded in Jerusalem during the second crusade. DeMolay was martyred in Paris on March 18, 1314, at the end of a seven-year incarceration.

Six hundred years later, Frank Sherman Land, a Scottish Rite Freemason founded a youth

order for young men, aged sixteen to twenty-one. Based on Dad Land's account of Jacques DeMolay's story the group elected to be known as the Order of DeMolay.

A scant seven years from now The Order of DeMolay will celebrate its centennial. Many well-known and very accomplished men have been members.

Redlands Lodge sponsors Redlands Chapter Order of DeMolay. Of course they appreciate our financial support, but more fundamentally they need our moral support at their meetings and scheduled events. Can you think of a better way of inspiring a young man to seek membership in our ancient and honorable fraternity?



## GREETING FROM THE INSPECTOR

### Freemasonry In North America

Bro. Dave Hall, PM

It is very possible that some of the English emigrants to North America in the seventeenth century were Freemasons, and that they opened Masonic lodges there; but there is no record of Freemasonry in North America before the establishment of Grand Lodge in England. After 1717, English Grand Lodge exported Freemasonry to North America as it did to the European Continent.

When the settlers in the American colonies heard that in England Freemasonry was becoming very fashionable among the highest ranks of society, they wished to follow the English example and form Masonic lodges on their side of the Atlantic. Lodges had been established in Boston and Philadelphia by 1730.

The spread of Freemasonry in North America was facilitated by the formation of military lodges, which had greatly developed since during the occupation of Newcastle by the Scottish Presbyterian army in 1641. After

the creation of Grand Lodge, military lodges were established which moved about from place to place with the regiment. The lodges were concerned as they were in their choice of noble brothers as their Grand Masters. The consent of the commanding officer of the regiment had to be obtained before a military lodge could be formed, and he could order the closure of the lodge. It was for the commanding officer to decide who could be admitted to the lodge, and in the eighteenth century few commanding officers allowed other ranks to join; they thought that it would be contrary to good military discipline to allow fraternization in the lodge between officers and NCO's.

Grand Lodge introduced the rule that civilians could not join a military lodge, because they wished the local inhabitants to be initiated in their own fixed lodges; but this rule was often waived in practice, and many regimental lodges invited the local gentry to join. When the regiment moved on, the local

residents continued to attend the meetings of the lodge, and then asked Grand Lodge to constitute them as a new affiliated lodge. With many British regiments stationed along the Atlantic seaboard of North America, from Nova Scotia and Canada to South Carolina and Georgia, lodges grew rapidly in the American colonies.

English Grand Lodge exercised their control over the American lodges by appointing a Provincial Grand Master, who, under the authority which he derived from Grand Lodge in London, could create local lodges in his area and exercise discipline over them. The first such appointment in the American colonies was when a Provincial Grand Master was appointed for New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania on 5 June 1730. Another Provincial Grand Master was appointed for New England in April 1733, and in the course of the next 40 years Provincial Grand Masters were appointed for Virginia,

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### OUR NEW BRETHREN

#### - 1st ° -

Paul DiMarino  
Billy Crewl  
Chris Ramos  
Ryan Lopez  
Joseph Kim  
Rafael Sanchez

#### - 2nd ° -

Kevin Brophy  
Adam Hughes  
Jon Hunsaker



## REDLANDS DEMOLAY CHAPTER #5182

Redlands DeMolay is growing. This term has been a great success and it is due to the hard work of all our young men. We have already had an Initiation and we just did a DeMolay Degree in January. The boys are working hard and have some great events planned for the rest of the term. We are very fortunate to have Redlands Lodge as our support and we would like to thank all of the members for all of their support on helping the chapter grow. We look forward to a lot more successful terms. Please remember that all Masons are welcome to our meetings. We as a chapter are also here to help with whatever we can for the lodge. Thank you all for everything you do.

Feb 2-Redlands Chapter Meeting  
Feb 11-Redlands Valentines Dance  
Feb 16-Redlands Chapter Meeting  
Feb 17-20-SCJ Leadership Camp  
February 25-Redlands DeMolay Mystery Trip

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Stated Meetings  
1st and 3rd Thursdays  
7:30PM

## INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL #104

If you would like more information about the Job's Daughters and what they do, please contact the Bethel Guardian, Terri Conklin at **(909) 754-3320**.



Stated Meetings  
2nd and 4th Thursdays  
7:00PM

## REDLANDS CHAPTER # 77 ROYAL ARCH MASONS

### 2012 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Dave Hall, High Priest

Terry Sheff - King

Rick Reis - Scribe

Tita Varias, PHP - Capt. Of The Host

Ken Smith - Chaplain

Scott McNair, PHP - Treasurer

George Monroe, PHP - Secretary

Edmundo Ramirez - Royal Arch Captain

Craig Flagtwet, PHP- Principal Sojourner



Stated Convocation  
Last Wednesday of the Month  
7:30 PM

## GREETINGS FROM THE INSPECTOR (CONT.)

Georgia, and North and South Carolina.

Benjamin Franklin, raised to the sublimed degree of Master Mason in 1731 and in 1734 became master of St. John's Lodge which met in Tun Tavern on Water Street, Philadelphia. He later in 1749 became the Provincial Grand of Pennsylvania.

In America as in England Freemasonry attracted two different types – the philosophi-

cal intellectuals and the gentlemen who thought that a Masonic lodge was a useful and agreeable social gathering. Bro. Franklin exercised and believed in freedom of worship and religious toleration.

Excerpt from The Freemasons by Jasper Ridley



## GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren:

As Secretary of the Lodge, it is my duty to remind the brethren that membership dues for Masonic Year 2012 were due 1<sup>st</sup> day of the year, i.e. January 1<sup>st</sup>. As you all know most of our Masonic events depend upon the income of the lodge such as membership dues, fundraisers and in extreme situation 50% from investment proceeds.

If you haven't paid your dues (you know who you are), you can mail it to me. If your situation prevents you from paying your dues this

year, please contact me at (909) 913-0667 or email me at [rtpv7878@gmail.com](mailto:rtpv7878@gmail.com). I will make sure that the lodge confidentially acts upon it.

In the next few weeks, a letter will be mailed out reminding the brethren of their dues.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Tito Varias  
Lodge Secretary

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